

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1.-34. (Cancelled)

35. (Currently Amended) A motor vehicle door comprising inner and outer sheet metal layers joined together at their peripheries to define a cavity therebetween, the inner sheet metal layer having at least two relatively large holes therein providing access to said cavity and having a relatively large intervening surface between the two access holes; and

a door handle fastened to the intervening surface of the ~~[[dinner]]~~ inner sheet metal layer; said intervening surface including a plurality of vertically-orientated ribs substantially covering the entire area of intervening surface.

36. (New) A motor vehicle door according to claim 35, wherein the inner sheet metal layer includes continuous, closed loop plateau defining a flat surface surrounding each of the access holes for sealingly mounting a secondary component to the door.

37. (New) A motor vehicle door according to claim 36, wherein the closed loop plateau includes a W-shaped portion formed in the intervening surface between the access holes for preventing the presence of a laterally extending surface therebetween.

38. (New) A motor vehicle door according to claim 37, wherein the inner sheet metal layer includes a platform formed in the intervening surface for structurally supporting the door handle.